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## EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States exports of domestic merchandise from \$1,633.3 million in August to \$1,599.6 million in September<sup>1</sup>, a decline of about two percent, reflected decreases in exports of three of the five economic classes of commodities, crude materials, semimanufactures, and manufactured foodstuffs, which were partly offset by increases in exports of the two remaining economic classes, crude foodstuffs and finished manufactures. The September 1961 domestic merchandise export total was at approximately the same level as the September 1960 total of \$1,594.6 million. These figures include data on M.S.P. (military) exports.

With M.S.P. (military) shipments excluded, exports of domestic merchandise totaled \$1,525.1 million in September, a level about two percent below the August total of \$1,561.8 million and about one percent below the September 1960 total of \$1,541.1 million.

Exports of crude materials dropped from \$218.8 million in August to \$194.8 million in September as decreases in exports of unmanufactured cotton, from \$89.4 to \$44.8 million and oilseeds, from \$20.4 to \$11.5 million were partly offset by an increase in

<sup>1</sup> See the September 1961 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally-adjusted figures on total exports, excluding M.S.P. (military) shipments. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

exports of unmanufactured tobacco, from \$27.7 to \$66.6 million. The decline in exports of semimanufactures, from \$266.3 to \$250.1 million was due, in part, to decreases in exports of wood pulp, from \$15.9 to \$10.5 million and crude vegetable oils and fats, from \$7.4 to \$3.5 million. Small, scattered decreases in exports of most of the individual commodities included in manufactured foodstuffs accounted for the decrease in exports of this economic class, from \$90.7 to \$79.0 million.

During the period, exports of crude foodstuffs rose from \$129.6 to \$141.6 million with most of the increase being accounted for by higher levels of exports of barley, grain sorghums, and oats, which are included in this economic class under "other grains."

The slight increase in exports of finished manufactures, from \$927.8 to \$934.1 million reflected increases in exports of some of the individual commodities included in this economic class which were partly offset by decreases in others. The more noticeable increases were in exports of aircraft, parts and accessories, from \$90.1 to \$100.9 million; passenger cars, from \$6.3 to \$11.0 million; merchant ships, from \$0.4 to \$3.8 million; and office, accounting, and computing machines and parts, from \$20.3 to \$23.4 million. The principal decreases were in exports of metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts, from \$18.5 to \$13.4 million; lubricating oils, from \$21.2 to \$16.2 million; and radio and television apparatus, from \$32.6 to \$28.4 million.

## EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

**COVERAGE:** Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in export statistics.

**VALUATION:** The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

**EFFECT OF SAMPLING:** The value of export shipments individually valued at \$100-\$499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. Effective with the statistics for January 1960, the previous sample ratio of 10 percent has been increased to a 50 percent sample for countries other than Canada with the 10 percent sample being retained for Canada. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals. For the 1960 export figures in this report, the probable variability due to sampling is less than \$50,000 or less than a trivial percentage which can be ignored. For periods prior to 1960, the probable variability due to sampling is less than \$50,000 or less than two percent of the individual totals shown. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000. For further information regarding sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, January and June 1956, and the October-December 1959 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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**UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:  
SEPTEMBER 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS**

(Quantities in units indicated; values in millions of dollars. Figures for 1961 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1960 include revisions published with the December 1960 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1961. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity	September 1961	August 1961	September 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Total.....value..	1,599.6	2,633.3	3,594.6	4,691.6	5,453.2
Crude materials.....value..	194.8	218.8	188.5	215.5	159.4
Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value..	6.4	7.3	5.0	6.4	5.2
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb..	141,566	149,142	105,632	140,701	120,900
value..	9.9	10.4	6.9	9.3	9.3
Oilseeds.....value..	11.5	20.4	20.7	30.1	26.5
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	81,762	36,615	82,922	41,264	38,801
value..	66.6	27.7	66.2	31.5	28.9
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales..	331	669	208	651	332
value..	44.8	89.4	26.3	82.3	37.7
Coal.....1,000 s.tons..	3,060	3,222	3,597	3,160	3,253
value..	28.5	30.2	33.4	29.5	31.5
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	130	309	234	257	210
value..	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.6
All other crude materials.....value..	26.9	32.6	29.3	25.8	19.7
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	141.6	129.6	145.7	136.6	120.7
Corn.....1,000 bu..	22,431	21,464	13,586	18,353	18,343
value..	27.1	26.0	17.4	23.4	23.9
Wheat.....1,000 bu..	43,487	44,395	48,529	41,975	29,781
value..	80.0	78.6	84.0	71.0	51.2
Other grains.....value..	15.6	7.6	24.8	20.2	23.1
Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb..	62,840	47,355	83,111	131,802	141,027
value..	4.2	2.6	5.4	7.1	7.9
Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb..	120,069	121,619	116,284	119,890	125,300
value..	9.7	9.7	8.7	8.9	9.0
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.3
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	4.1	4.4	5.4	5.8	5.2
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	79.0	90.7	96.8	93.0	89.8
Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb..	40,651	43,070	47,128	35,733	29,246
value..	12.3	12.4	13.7	10.4	8.8
Lard.....1,000 lb..	21,784	22,110	42,319	51,667	50,347
value..	2.2	2.4	4.5	5.1	5.0
Dairy products.....1,000 lb..	40,885	46,713	27,837	34,133	40,725
value..	6.8	8.7	6.2	7.2	7.9
Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	1,320	1,653	6,295	4,058	5,670
value..	0.7	0.9	3.4	1.6	1.9
Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb..	51	56	69	160	125
value..	3.2	3.6	4.2	10.5	8.3
Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt..	1,536	2,624	2,281	2,613	2,273
value..	6.4	9.4	8.3	9.6	8.6
Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value..	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.4
Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb..	10,942	11,870	36,717	17,734	11,654
value..	2.5	2.5	5.9	3.5	2.7
Canned fruits.....1,000 lb..	56,261	63,352	83,186	32,307	29,003
value..	7.3	8.1	11.2	4.7	4.4
Fruit juices.....1,000 gal..	2,181	2,362	2,295	2,776	2,676
value..	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.4	3.6
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb..	28,225	42,184	34,673	48,740	58,289
value..	4.5	6.6	4.7	6.1	8.6
Sugar and related products.....value..	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.9
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	9.4	11.9	11.2	10.5	8.9
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	15.8	16.8	15.7	15.0	15.7
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	250.1	266.3	287.8	293.5	205.5
Leather.....value..	4.0	3.8	2.6	2.7	2.2
Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb..	51,298	62,423	54,398	64,377	54,796
value..	13.3	15.4	14.1	16.7	14.2

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:  
SEPTEMBER 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity	September 1961	August 1961	September 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> --Continued					
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.7	3.7
Vegetable oils and fats, crude.....1,000 lb..	25,981	52,856	20,791	90,662	71,750
value..	3.5	7.4	2.4	9.2	7.9
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	26,725	28,655	26,924	30,949	29,090
value..	3.8	4.3	3.8	4.5	4.2
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	11,234	11,811	11,659	12,278	12,244
value..	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	13,309	13,233	14,956	16,043	12,014
value..	11.0	9.9	11.7	12.4	9.2
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd.ft..	66,261	73,103	74,185	71,673	65,726
value..	7.3	8.2	8.9	8.7	7.5
Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons..	79	117	107	95	54
value..	10.5	15.9	14.3	12.8	7.9
Fuel oil, distillate and residual.....1,000 bbl..	1,217	1,742	1,829	2,380	2,835
value..	3.1	4.7	4.8	6.6	7.7
Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons..	98	145	165	148	134
value..	2.3	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.3
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	1.7	0.4	1.0	1.2	0.4
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	22,334	22,669	14,032	14,140	11,182
value..	2.3	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.2
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	108,983	113,097	228,117	237,428	83,493
value..	12.2	13.1	22.8	24.3	9.9
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	84,273	69,566	120,469	114,329	76,642
value..	6.7	5.2	10.4	9.7	6.1
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	32.5	34.8	24.1	22.6	15.9
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	6.8	7.7	10.4	14.5	6.4
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	15.4	13.5	30.2	25.7	8.4
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	15.5	16.0	15.2	13.9	8.7
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	69,021	68,576	67,184	65,624	57,669
value..	22.7	22.0	24.0	23.5	21.5
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> ...value..	23.3	25.6	24.9	25.9	21.5
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	54,388	49,513	57,938	57,660	55,824
value..	5.2	5.2	5.8	5.8	5.6
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb..	36,596	27,571	148,441	86,724	112,061
value..	1.6	1.4	4.0	2.5	3.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> ...value..	38.7	39.1	740.0	737.9	727.3
Finished manufactures.....value..	934.1	927.8	875.8	952.9	877.8
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	91	79	110	117	92
value..	3.1	2.6	3.7	3.7	3.8
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	8.6	8.7	8.7	9.0	8.1
Cigarettes.....millions..	1,970	1,644	1,706	1,686	1,631
value..	8.7	7.2	7.5	7.3	7.0
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.8
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq.yd..	<sup>8</sup> 40,536	<sup>8</sup> 43,838	<sup>8</sup> 28,761	<sup>8</sup> 36,396	<sup>8</sup> 39,351
value..	<sup>8</sup> 10.4	<sup>8</sup> 10.8	<sup>8</sup> 8.3	<sup>8</sup> 10.8	<sup>8</sup> 10.7
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	7.2	7.4	8.0	8.4	7.9
Wool manufactures.....value..	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	12.6	12.4	12.7	13.6	12.9
Other textile manufactures.....value..	6.1	6.1	5.2	5.5	5.4
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	2.9	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.6
Paper and manufactures.....value..	22.1	24.4	21.0	21.3	19.5
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	3.9	4.8	6.6	6.0	8.1
Lubricating oil.....value..	16.2	21.2	17.0	17.3	15.2
Glass and products.....value..	7.2	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.0
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	9.9	11.2	8.3	11.8	11.3
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	36.1	33.8	35.3	35.2	37.1
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	17,433	19,895	17,325	25,030	28,871
value..	3.0	2.9	2.9	4.0	4.5
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	28.4	32.6	24.4	23.6	21.0
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	58.4	58.7	53.0	55.7	56.6
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	18.4	16.3	14.6	19.0	20.7
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery.....value..	68.4	66.1	64.4	63.0	57.7
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	24.1	22.0	13.4	18.2	12.9
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	13.4	18.5	11.8	12.5	13.2
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	13.0	12.2	11.8	12.9	9.0
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	86.0	83.3	77.5	83.2	70.9

See footnotes at end of table.



Economic class and commodity	September 1961	August 1961	September 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	23.4	20.3	16.9	17.4	12.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	7.8	8.9	8.3	12.1	12.0
Tractors.....number..	2,049	2,080	2,737	5,586	5,312
.....value..	15.9	14.4	18.3	19.8	17.7
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	12.8	12.7	11.5	12.4	11.9
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	10,720	15,802	9,070	16,913	13,761
.....value..	21.8	24.4	21.3	30.2	27.1
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	5,010	2,791	4,321	9,760	8,869
.....value..	11.0	6.3	9.0	19.6	18.6
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	41.7	39.2	40.3	46.0	44.4
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	5.7	4.7	2.9	6.7	9.6
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	100.9	90.1	116.0	110.8	64.0
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	8	3	8	8	11
.....value..	3.8	0.4	0.6	2.1	7.5
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	12.6	11.3	8.3	11.5	8.8
Antibiotics.....value..	5.1	6.0	6.7	6.1	5.7
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	17.6	16.1	14.8	16.8	17.9
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.1	1.9
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	3.5	4.3	2.0	2.7	2.4
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	19.6	17.4	15.0	16.4	16.7
Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	17.7	33.4	22.0	29.8	46.7
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	141.3	141.1	132.2	137.4	127.9

<sup>2</sup>Includes \$71.5 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$28.2 million to Western Europe). <sup>3</sup>Includes \$53.5 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$25.5 million to Western Europe). <sup>4</sup>Includes \$79.1 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$33.3 million to Western Europe). <sup>5</sup>Includes \$102.3 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$54.9 million to Western Europe). <sup>6</sup>See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for a list of Special Category commodities. <sup>7</sup>Data for periods prior to January 1961 exclude information on exports of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590 and deuterium oxide (heavy water) included under Schedule B commodity number 83990). <sup>8</sup>Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and data for Schedule B commodity number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound.